GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department - Constitution of State Crisis Management Group (SCG) and District Crisis Management Group (DCG) 2016-2017 for Forest fire prevention and management – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT,FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section.II) DEPARTMENT

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Read the following

1. From GoI, MoEF&CC, Forest Protection Division Notification No.1-2/2015-FPD, Dated.31-01-2017.
2. From PCCF&HoFF, A.P., Lr.No.16246/2017/Vig.2, Dated.22-02-2017.

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ORDER:-

The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Forest Protection Division in the reference 1st read above, have constituted Central Crisis Management Group (CCG) 2016-17 for forest fire prevention and management and requested the State Governments to issue notifications for State Crisis Management Group (SCG) and District Crisis Management Group (DCG) at the earliest so that immediate action can be taken in case of any eventuality.

2. Accordingly, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, in the reference 2nd read above, has submitted composition of members for Constitution of State Crisis Management Group (SCG) and District Crisis Management Group (DCG) 2016-2017 for forest fire prevention and management.

3. Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh keeping in view the guidelines of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change hereby constitute the State Crisis Management Group (SCG) and District Crisis Management Group (DCG) 2016-2017 for forest fire prevention and management with the following composition:-

I. State Crisis Management Group (SCG) at State Level:-

Special Chief /Principal Secretary, EFS&T Department	- Chairman
Special Chief /Principal Secretary, TR&B Department	- Member
Principal Secretary / Secretary, IT&C Department	- Member
Principal Secretary / Secretary, MH&FW Department	- Member
Director, State Space Application Centre	- Member
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, (Head of Forest Force)	-Member Secretary

II. District Crisis Management Group (DCG) at District Leval:-

District Collector	- Chairman
Superintendent of Police	- Member
District Public Relations Officer (DPRO)	- Member
District Health & Medical Officer	- Member
District Fire Officer	- Member
Divisional Forest Officers in the District	- Member
Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial) at District Head Quarters	-Member Secretary

Functions of the State Crisis Management Group:

(i) The State Crisis Management Group shall be the apex body at State level to deal with major fire accidents and to provide guidance for handling major Forest Fire Situations.

(ii) It will coordinate with Central Crisis Management Group at the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change and other agencies at the Centre as and when required.

(iii) Continuously monitor the post – accident situation arising out of major Forest Fires and suggest measures for prevention and to check recurrence of such accidents.

(iv) Conduct post – accident analysis of such major forest fires and evaluate responses;

(v) Review the emergency plans with a view to examine its adequacy in meeting such exigencies ;

(vi) Review the progress report submitted by the District Crisis Management Groups;

(vii) Respond to queries addressed to it by the District Crisis Management Groups;

(viii) The SCG will ensure that Districts are alerted in advance before a fire season and also provide guidance as may be necessary.

(ix) Render all possible financial and infrastructural help as may be necessary.

(x) Report all important developments to the Central Crisis Management Group (CCG), and also seek its directions and guidance as and when necessary.

Functions of the District Crisis Management Group:

(i) Report all important developments to the State Crisis Management Group (SCG), coordinate with it and also seek directions and guidance and when necessary.

(ii) Periodically call the meeting of the relevant stakeholders and ensure that both preventive and post fire actions are taken up to the mark.

(iii) Review the measures required for dealing in large Scale fires / emergencies.

(iv) Coordinate the activities of the field officers in the relation to disaster preparedness and relief.

(v) Submitting progress reports regularly to the State Crisis Management Group.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Vigilance) / Chief Conservator of Forests (Vigilance) will be the nodal officer to deal with the crisis of forest fires in the State.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.
The Special Chief /Principal Secretary, EFS&T Department
The Special Chief /Principal Secretary, TR&B Department
The Principal Secretary / Secretary, IT&C Department
The Principal Secretary / Secretary, MH&FW Department
The Director, State Space Application Centre
All the District Collectors of the State.
Other members of the District Crisis Management Group through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh.

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